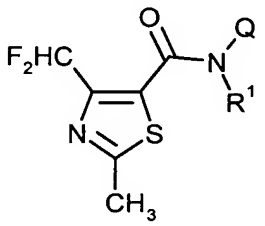
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claims 1-23 (canceled)

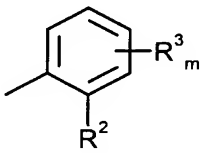
-- Claim 24 (Previously Presented): A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I)



(I)

in which

Q represents a group



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R^1 represents hydrogen, C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl; represents C_1-C_6-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfanyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms; or represents -COR^7, -$CONR^8R^9$, or -$CH_2NR^{10}R^{11}$,

R^2 represents C_3-C_{12}-cycloalkyl, or C_6-C_{12}-bicycloalkyl, each of which is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of

halogen, cyano, hydroxyl, C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_8-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-haloalkyl having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, and C_1-C_6-haloalkoxy having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,

R^3 represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or methyl,

m represents 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4,

R^7 represents hydrogen, C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_8-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl; represents C_1-C_6-haloalkyl, C_1-C_6-haloalkoxy, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,

R^8 and R^9 independently of one another represent hydrogen, C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl; or represents C_1-C_8-haloalkyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or

R^8 and R^9 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR^{13},

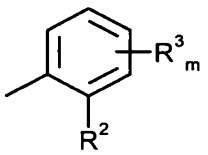
R^{10} and R^{11} independently of one another represent hydrogen, C_1-C_8-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl; or represent C_1-C_8-haloalkyl or C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or

R^{10} and R^{11} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR^{13}, and

R^{13} represents hydrogen or C_1-C_6-alkyl.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 24 in which

Q represents a group



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R^1 represents hydrogen; C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; represents C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfanyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents $-COR^7$, $-CONR^8R^9$, or $-CH_2NR^{10}R^{11}$,

R^2 represents C_3-C_{12}-cycloalkyl, or C_6-C_{12}-bicycloalkyl, each of which is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, hydroxyl, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, and C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,

R^3 represents fluorine, bromine or methyl,

m represents 0, 1, 2, or 3,

R^7 represents hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; represents C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, halo-C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,

R^8 and R^9 independently of one another represent hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; or represents C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, halo-C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or

R^8 and R^9 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR^{13},

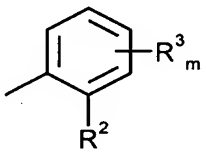
R^{10} and R^{11} independently of one another represent hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; or represent C_1-C_4-haloalkyl or C_3-C_6-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or

R^{10} and R^{11} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl and which has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR^{12}, and

R^{13} represents hydrogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 24 in which

Q represents a group



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R^1 represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, pentyl, or hexyl, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, n- or isopropylsulfinyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n- or isopropylsulfonyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butylsulfonyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxy-

methyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, difluoromethylsulfanyl, difluorochloromethylsulfanyl, trifluoromethylsulfanyl, trifluoromethylsulfinyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, or trifluoromethoxymethyl; or represents $-COR^7$, $-CONR^8R^9$, or $-CH_2NR^{10}R^{11}$,

R^2 represents C_3-C_{10}-cycloalkyl, or C_6-C_{10}-bicycloalkyl, each of which is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, hydroxyl, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or isopropoxy, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butoxy, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, difluorochloromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethoxy, trichloromethoxy, or difluorochloromethoxy,

R^3 represents fluorine, bromine, or methyl,

m represents 0, 1, 2, or 3,

R^7 represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, tert-butoxy, cyclopropyl; trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, or 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,

R^8 and R^9 independently of one another represent hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxymethyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl; trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, or trifluoromethoxymethyl, or

R^8 and R^9 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle selected from the group consisting of morpholine, thiomorpholine, and piperazine, each of which is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and methyl, where the piperazine is optionally substituted on the second nitrogen atom by R^{13},

R^{10} and R^{11} independently of one another represent hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxymethyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl; trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, or trifluoromethoxymethyl, or

R^{10} and R^{11} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle selected from the group consisting of morpholine, thiomorpholine, and piperazine, each of which is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group

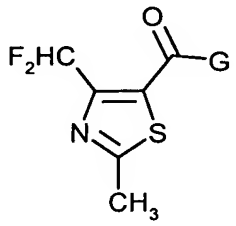
consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and methyl, where the piperazine is optionally substituted on the second nitrogen atom by R^{13}, and

R^{13} represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, or n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to any of Claims 24, 25 or 26 in which R^1 is hydrogen.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): A process for preparing a thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilides of formula (I) according to Claim 24 comprising

(1) reacting a carboxylic acid derivative of formula (II)



(II)

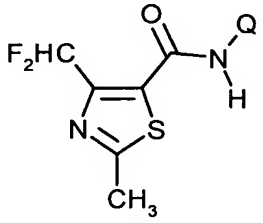
in which G represents halogen, hydroxyl. or C_1-C_6-alkoxy,

with an aniline derivative of formula (III)

H_2N—Q (III)

in which Q is as defined for formula (I) in Claim 24,

in the presence of an acid binder and in the presence of a diluent to form a compound of formula (I-a)



(I-a)

in which Q is as defined for formula (I) in Claim 24, and

(2) optionally reacting a compound of formula (I-a) with a halide of the formula (III)

$R^{1\text{-}1}$—X (IV)

in which

R^{1-1} represents C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl; represents C_1-C_6-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfanyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-halo-cycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents $-COR^7$, $-CONR^8R^9$, or $-CH_2NR^{10}R^{11}$,

R^7, R^8, R^9, R^{10}, and R^{11} are as defined for formula (I) in Claim 24, and

X represents chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

in the presence of a base and in the presence of a diluent.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A composition for ~~controlling~~ eliminating or reducing unwanted microorganisms in plants comprising one or more thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilides of formula (I) according to Claim 24 and one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A method for ~~controlling~~ eliminating or reducing unwanted microorganisms in plants comprising applying an effective amount of one or more thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilides of formula (I) according to Claim 24 to the microorganisms and/or their habitat.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing a composition for ~~controlling~~ eliminating or reducing unwanted microorganisms in plants comprising mixing one or more thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilides of the formula (I) according to Claim 24 with one or more extenders and/or surfactants. --